

2703 Keyworth Avenue (Rowhouse)  
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**Location:**

2703 Keyworth Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

USGS Baltimore West, Maryland Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
18.356685.4354480

**Significance:**

Built wide and shallow enough to allow sunlight to reach every room, this is an early example of so-called "daylight" houses that were constructed near Baltimore's parks between 1915 and 1955, as the rowhouse response to suburbia.

**Description:**

Located five blocks northwest of Druid Hill Park, this is second from the northeast end of a row of four houses that faces the Louisa May Alcott School No. 59 on Keyworth Avenue. Three bays wide and two stories high, the rowhouse features dark red brick laid in Flemish bond; a one-story porch with concrete steps, plywood floor, classical columns, and beaded-wood ceiling; a wood-and-glass panelled entrance door and sidelights with marble threshold step and leaded-glass transom; a quasi-mansard parapet with asphalt shingles and central dormer; and wood modillions at porch and main cornices. At the facade, the double-hung wood windows have nine-over-one lights, stone sills and flat-arched brick lintels. Much of the two-story rear porch area has been enclosed to expand interior living space.

**History:**

Record searches at the Maryland Historical Society, Enoch Pratt Free Library's Maryland Room, the Baltimore City Archives, and the City's offices of Permits and Property Location revealed no conclusive evidence of the architect, builder, or construction date. The Topographical Survey Commission's 1914 Map of the City of Baltimore shows a vacant lot and block at this location. A deed indicates that the Acme Building Company sold this house and its land to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reina in June, 1918. Presumably, the house was constructed in the intervening period. The City Directory of 1920 lists barber Joseph Reina at this address.

**Source:**

Hayward, Mary Ellen, Grants Coordinator, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Maryland; Telephone interview: 22 December, 1989.

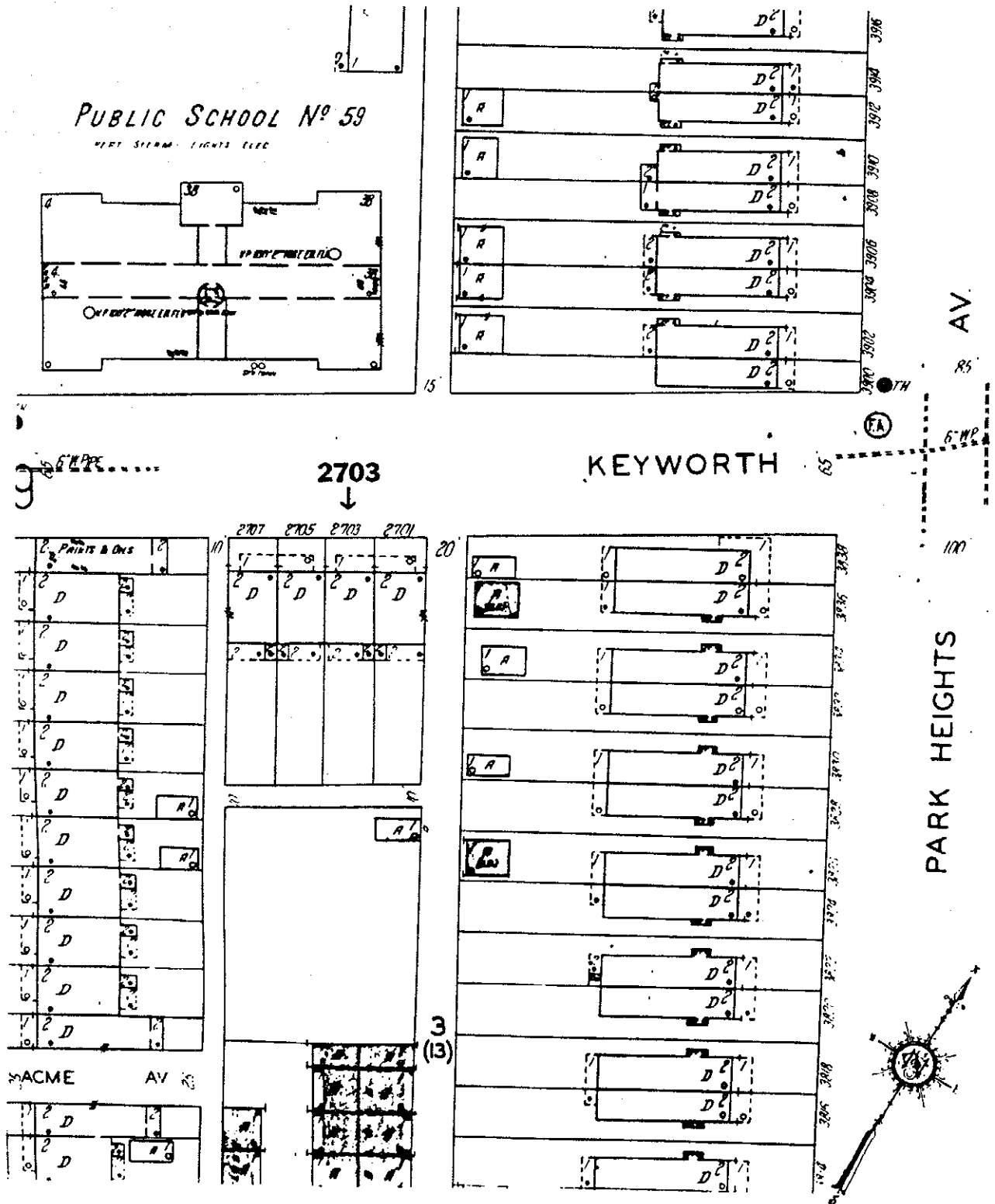
Rowhouse: A Baltimore Style of Living, An Exhibit, Peale Museum, Baltimore, Maryland, 1989.

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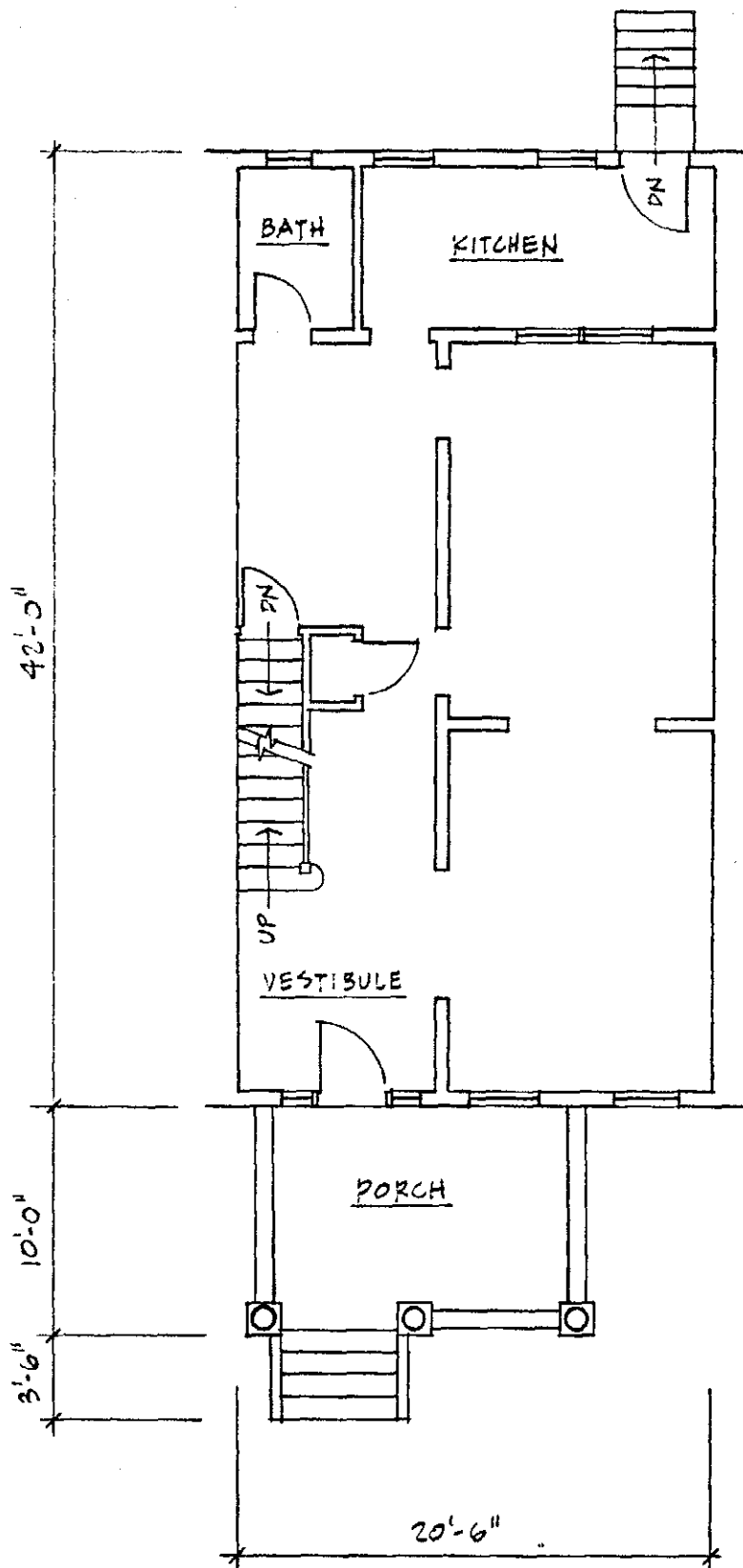
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Sanborn Insurance Map, Volume 9, Page 970, Baltimore, Maryland, 1929. Scale unknown.



**FIRST FLOOR PLAN**

Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"